

WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (BEEF CATTLE ROADS).

No. 91 of 1961.

An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia for Works in connexion with certain Roads to be used for the transport of Beef Cattle.

[Assented to 27th October, 1961.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *Western Australia Grant (Beef Cattle Roads) Act 1961*.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Definitions.

3. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears—

“ the northern part of the State ” means that part of the State that is north of the twentieth parallel of south latitude;

“ the State ” means the State of Western Australia.

Works to which Act applies.

4. This Act applies to the following works:—

(a) the improvement of the road between Wyndham and Nicholson station;

(b) the improvement of the road between Wyndham and Halls Creek *via* Turkey Creek;

(c) the construction of a bridge over the Ord River at the Bandicoot Bar; and

(d) the construction of a bridge over the Dunham River near its junction with the Ord River.

Grant of financial assistance.

5.—(1.) Subject to this Act, there are payable to the State, for the purpose of financial assistance, amounts equal to—

(a) the amounts expended by the State, in the year that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, on the works specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of the last preceding section; and

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(b) one-half of the amounts expended by the State, in that year, on the works referred to in paragraphs (c) and (d) of the last preceding section.

(2.) The amounts payable to the State in accordance with this section shall not exceed, in the aggregate, Five hundred thousand pounds.

6. Financial assistance under this Act is not payable unless, within one month after the commencement of this Act, the State undertakes that the amount expended by the State in the year that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, on roads and bridges in the northern part of the State other than works to which this Act applies, together with one-half of any amount expended by the State in that year on the bridges referred to in section four of this Act, will be not less than Five hundred thousand pounds.

Grant conditional on State expenditure.

7. The Treasurer may, for the purposes of this Act, approve standards of design or construction for any of the works to which this Act applies and if, after standards so approved have been notified to the State, expenditure is incurred by the State in carrying out those works otherwise than in accordance with those standards, the Treasurer may direct that payments under this Act shall not be made in respect of that expenditure.

Standards of design and construction.

8. Payments under section five of this Act shall be made in respect of expenditure by the State in the periods of six months ending on the thirty-first day of December, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, and the thirtieth day of June, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-two, respectively, and the State is not entitled to a payment in respect of expenditure in either of those periods unless the State has furnished to the Treasurer, as soon as practicable after the end of that period—

Statements of expenditure.

- (a) a statement, in accordance with a form approved by the Treasurer, giving particulars of that expenditure;
- (b) a certificate by the Auditor-General of the State that the particulars shown in the statement are correct; and
- (c) such other relevant information as the Treasurer requests.

9. Amounts expended by the State in the year that commenced on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, on works to which this Act applies shall not, except to the extent to which those amounts exceed the total of the amounts payable to the State under this Act, be taken into account for the purposes of section six of the *Commonwealth Aid Roads Act 1959*.

Certain expenditure not to be taken into account for purposes of Commonwealth Aid Roads Act.

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Advances.

10.—(1.) The Treasurer may, at such times as he thinks fit, make advances of such amounts as he thinks fit to the State on account of an amount that may become payable under this Act to the State.

(2.) Payment of an advance to the State shall be subject to the condition that the State will repay to the Commonwealth, on demand by the Treasurer, the amount by which, at the time of the demand, the total of the payments (including advances) paid to the State under this Act exceeds the total of the amounts that have become payable to the State under section five of this Act.

Appropriation.

11. Payments under this Act shall be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.
